

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Weber et al.
App. No. : 10/614,680
Filed : July 3, 2003
For : CONTINUOUS PROCESS FOR
RECOVERING ACETONE FROM A
WASTE STREAM RESULTING FROM
ACETONE PURIFICATION
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit : Unknown

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 3 references that are also enclosed. Please note that U.S. Publication 2002/0032350 is the U.S. equivalent of EP 1 188 737.

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Respectfully submitted,

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